

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, October 17, 2002

SENATE

Incomplete record of Senate Proceedings.

Today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

H.R. 5205 - Police Retirement Benefits Protection:

Senate passed H.R. 5205, to amend the District of Columbia Retirement Protection Act of 1997 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to use estimated amounts in determining the service longevity component of the Federal benefit payment required to be paid under such Act to certain retirees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, clearing the measure for the President.

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S. Res. 349 - Printing Authority:

Senate agreed to S. Res. 349, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual.

Page D 1099, (See next issue.)

S. 2530 - Inspector General Act of 1978 Amendments:

Senate passed S. 2530, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Thompson) Amendment No. 4893, to provide that the Attorney General may rescind or suspend certain authority with respect to an individual.

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S. 2936 - Federal Annuity Computations:

Senate passed S. 2936, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percent relating to periods of receiving disability payments, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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H.R. 4878 - Improper Payments Reduction Act:

Senate passed H.R. 4878, to provide for estimates and reports of improper payments by Federal agencies, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Page D 1101, (See next issue.)

H.R. 4685 - Accountability of Tax Dollars Act:

Senate passed H.R. 4685, to amend title 31, United States Code, to expand the types of Federal agencies that are required to prepare audited financial statements, clearing the measure for the President.

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S. Res. 266 - Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day:

*Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 266, designating October 10, 2002, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day," and the resolution was then agreed to.
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S. Res. 338 - Children's Internet Safety Month:

*Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 338, designating the month of October, 2002, as "Children's Internet Safety Month," and the resolution was then agreed to.
Page D 1102, (See next issue.)*

H.R. 5596 - Political Parties Committee:

*Senate passed H.R. 5596, to amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local party committees and candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law, clearing the measure for the President.
Page D 1102, (See next issue.)*

S. Res. 352 - Senate Legal Counsel Representation:

*Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Judicial Watch, Inc. v. William J. Clinton, et. al.
Page D 1102, (See next issue.)*

S. Res. 353 - Senate Legal Counsel Representation:

*Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States v. John Murtari.
Page D 1102, (See next issue.)*

S. 2690 - Pledge of Allegiance Bill:

*Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2690, to reaffirm the reference to one Nation under God in the Pledge of Allegiance, clearing the measure for the President.
Pages S 10628-29, D 1102*

Authority To Make Appointments:

*A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding a recess or adjournment of the Senate for the duration of the 107th Congress, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.
Pages D 1102-03, (See next issue.)*

Order for Pro Forma Sessions:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate meet in pro forma sessions on the following dates: October 21, 24, 28, 30, November 4, 7, and 8 at 10:30 a.m. each day, unless the Majority Leader, or his designee, with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, is seeking recognition. Further, that following the adjournment on November 8, the Senate reconvene on Tuesday, November 12, at 1 p.m. for a period of morning business.

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Nominations Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Scott W. Muller, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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HOUSE

Committee Meetings:

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing titled “*Securing America: The Federal Government's Response to Nuclear Terrorism at Our Nation's Ports and Borders.*”

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Remarks:

Child Abduction Prevention Act.

Paul

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Sober Borders Act. [**H.R. 2155**]

Stupak

Pages E 1882-3

Introduction to the Information Security Act.

John

Pages E 1895-6

A Scandinavian Perspective on Constitutional and Human Rights.

Lantos

Pages E 1897-99

The Words “Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Israel

Pages E 1899-1900

Next SENATE MEETING: Monday, 10:00 a.m., October 21, 2002. – pro forma

Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 11:00 a.m., October 21, 2002. – pro forma

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